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Significance: This barrack provided living facilities for personnel stationed at Nike Missile Base SL-40. Standardized drawings indicate that the installation's two barracks housed enlisted men, officers, and non-commissioned officers (N.C.O.). Each barrack contained an officers' lounge, and N.C.O. lounge, several storage rooms, a heater room, a restroom with multiple sinks and toilets, a shower room, and a sleeping room for enlisted men.

The building was built in 1958 from standardized drawings approved by the Corps of Engineers, which were designed by the firm of Spector and Montgomery of Falls Church, Virginia. Nike buildings were considered modified emergency buildings. Originally, they were pre-fabricated structures, but were rather unsightly and did not contribute to troop morale and, therefore, were changed to modified emergency design.

Description: The barrack is a masonry "L" shaped structure containing 6,503 square feet. The building has concrete footings, foundation, and floor, cinder block walls, a built-up roof, sealed and painted interior walls and ceiling, a tile floor, and electrical service. The restrooms, including the shower stalls, are covered with ceramic tiles. The building has 29 windows, three vestibules, and a double-door entry way. The interior of this building has been remodeled to accommodate the administrative and accounting functions of the Beck Vocational School.

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